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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	09/936,188	: Examiner: E. Webman
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Filed:	January 2, 2002	: Confirmation No.: 2544
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For:	CLEAR, COSMETIC PREPARATIONS CONTAINING FATTY ACID (POLYGLYCOL) ESTERS, FATTY AL- COHOL (POLYGLYCOL) ETHERS, POLYOLS AND/ OR ALK(EN)YL OLIGOGLYCOSIDES, AND METHODS OF PREPARING THE SAME	: Attorney Docket No.: H 3980 PCT/US
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed, as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including February 17, 2004 (February 15, 2004 being a Sunday and February 16, 2004 being a Federal holiday), including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the Examiner's Requirement for Election, in light of the following remarks.

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